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## OVERVIEW

The federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act allocates \$89.4 million to Michigan through the Governor's Education Emergency Relief (GEER) Fund. These funds are to be used for emergency support through grants to school districts, institutions of higher education, and other education related entities that the Governor deems essential for carrying out emergency educational services.

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## FRAMEWORK FOR GRANTS TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS

### *Distribution Methodology*

GEER funds are meant to target districts that are determined to be most significantly impacted by COVID-19. To ensure these districts are targeted, the framework distributes \$60 million to school districts based on the number of students in high-need student groups. Districts will receive funding (\$87 per pupil) based on their numbers of economically disadvantaged students, students with disabilities, and English language learners. To be eligible for funding, the school district's concentration of economically disadvantaged pupils, compared to total district enrollment, must exceed 50%.

### *Use of Funds*

Recipient districts will be required to use GEER funds for any of the following policy goals:

- **Connectivity:** Devices, internet access, access to remote services, or other similar purposes.
- **Student Mental Health:** Funding would enhance access to remote and in-person student mental health services.
- **Addressing Learning Loss:** Funding could be used by districts to offer supplementary content and intervention services to mitigate the impacts of learning loss.
- **Out-of-School-Time Learning:** Funds could be used to support out-of-school-time learning. These expenditures would ensure students have safe spaces to participate in remote education.
- **Remote Learning Materials and Training (digital and non-digital):** Funds could address both digital and non-digital content where remote learning continues as an instructional delivery model.
- **Teacher Training and Curriculum:** Funding could be used to provide additional professional development and curriculum modifications that allow districts to effectively facilitate distance learning while expanding their knowledge of the science of teaching.
- Other **health, safety, and wellness** needs identified, required, or recommended in the MI Return to School Roadmap.

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## FRAMEWORK FOR GRANTS TO OTHER EDUCATION RELATED ENTITIES

\$5.4 million will be distributed to "other education related entities."

This funding will be used for statewide mental health and social-emotional learning supports, teacher professional learning, educational programming on public television, and supports for remote early intervention services for infants and toddlers.